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2. A warehouse extends the entire length of Wharf No. 3 to within some fifty yards of its seaward end. A conveyor belt transported grain from siles, which are situated about half a mile inland, to this warehouse. The grain is then stored in the warehouse until it is ready for shipment. Two, mobile, electrically-operated grain elevators, each fitted with two shoots, move on rails, which extend the entire length of the pier. Wharf No. 3 is used for the export of grain only; however, only one vessel can load at a time.
3. Wharf No. 2 is equipped with a few warehouses, and one or two tugs were tied up alongside.
4. The Import Cement mole was in full working order. It is equipped with warehouses, and about six electric cranes.
5. The eastern quay was very busy; a large amount of cement and iron ore was observed on the quay. The ore was handled by transporters which travelled the entire length of the quay.
6. Five, new, ocean-going trawlers, of about 600 tons dead weight each, were moored alongside the eastern mole. No floating docks were observed, although this area was very crowded with shipping.
7. The cement works in the eastern section of the harbor was in operation day and night. Smoke restricted observation considerably in the immediate vicinity.

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8. The average height of the wharves and quays was given as 10 feet above datum. Three wrecks, in the process of demolition, were observed. The eastern end of the harbor appeared very busy, but the western end was very quiet.
9. The control was strict, and little free circulation was possible. All binoculars were put under seal.

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